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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35, 37-40 and 42-50 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 36 and 41 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Response to Arguments

1. This communication is in response to applicants' amendment received on January 26, 2004.
2. Applicant's arguments, see page 12, line 20 through page 13, line 4, filed January 26, 2004, with respect to the rejections of claims 1, 4-14, 18-22, 24-25, 27-28, 30-36 and 38-41 under 35 USC § 102 and Claims 2-3, 15-17, 23, 26, 29, 37 and 42 under 35 USC § 103 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of newly found prior art references.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 4-6, 11-15, 18, 22, 25, 28, 31, 33, 38 and 43-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Minor et al (5,740,252; hereinafter Minor).

Regarding claims 1, 6, 12 and 22, Minor discloses a method for accessing remote data repositories (corresponding to the recited target server) by a computer operator (end-user) (see, for example, abstract and col. 2, lines 44-50). The end-user request for accessing a remote site is intercepted by an entry web site server that corresponds to

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the recited proxy server (see, for example, col. 5, lines 25-34). The end-user demographic information is appended to the end-user request (see, for example, col. 1, lines 5-10; col. 2, lines 50-57; col. 3, lines 49-51). Minor also teaches a secure communication and encrypts the demographic information (see, for example, column 4, lines 14-15). Minor further discloses that each remote web site (corresponding to the recited target server) has an associated encryption key (corresponding to the recited session key) that is stored in both entry web site and remote web site servers (see, for example, column 4, lines 34-41; column 6, lines 6-10).

Regarding claims 4, 5 and 28, Minor discloses that the end-user demographic information (profile information) are stored in and retrieved from a designated database at an entry web site server that corresponds to the recited proxy server based on the end-user and Minor further discloses that the end-user computer and the web servers are coupled to a network via a network interface (see, for example, col. 3, lines 45-59; col. 4, lines 3-6; Fig. 4).

Regarding claim 11, Minor discloses that the client utilizes a web browser to make HTTP requests from the remote web server which is a HTTP server (see, for example, column 1, lines 30-40; column 2, lines 5-55; column 7, lines 6-10).

Regarding claims 13-15, 18, 25 and 31, Minor discloses that the entry web site server (corresponding to the recited proxy server) receives a request from user for

accessing a remote data site. The entry web site server transmits the request to the remote data repository that corresponds to the recited information server as stated above in the rejection of claim 1 (see, for example, column 4, lines 20-25). At the remote data repository the encrypted user demographic information (profile information) is extracted to process user request and to prepare a response for the user (see, for example, column 4, lines 25-44 and Fig. 4).

Regarding claims 33 and 38, these claims are rejected as applied to the like elements of claim 1 above and further the following:

Minor discloses that at the entry web site server (corresponding to the recited proxy server), it is determined that to which remote data repository (corresponding to the recited target server), the user request should be sent (see, for example, column 4, lines 6-13).

Regarding claim 43-50, Minor discloses:

The method of claim 13 wherein the encrypted user profile information comprises one or more of demographic information, a history of data requests by a user, age of a user, gender of a user, or interests of a user (see, for example, column 1, lines 47-54; column 3, lines 49-54 and column 4, lines 42-50).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2, 3, 16, 17, 23, 26, 29, 37 and 42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Minor et al (5,740,252; hereinafter Minor) in view of Uhler et al (2001/0039587 A1; hereinafter Uhler).

Regarding claims 2, 3, 23, 29 and 37, Minor does not expressly disclose the use of a reference token to be sent to the remote server along with the subsequent client requests. Uhler, however, teaches a method for accessing web server by a client through a proxy server that uses a cookie (corresponding to the recited reference token) (see, for example, page 6, [0093]-[0094], Fig. 2 and Fig. 4). The cookie is received from the web server and it is transmitted back to the web site with the subsequent client requests. The cookie is used to determine if the client has the proper authentication. The cookie is sent to the client by the web server based on the initial authentication of the client which is associated with the demographic information of the client.

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to implement the use of cookie (token) as taught in Uhler in the

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system of Minor, because the steps of authenticating the client would not be repeated in the subsequent client attempts to access the web site (see Uhler, page 6, [0093]).

Regarding claim 16, this claim is rejected as applied to the like elements of claim 13 above and further the following:

Uhler teaches that the web server sends a cookie (corresponding to the recited reference token) along with the response to the client (see, for example, page 6, [0093]).

Regarding claim 17, this claim is rejected as applied to the like elements of claims 2 and 13 as stated above.

Regarding claims 26 and 42, these claims are rejected as applied to the like elements of claims 2 and 13 above and further the following:

Minor discloses that the remote data repository (web server) stores the extracted user demographic information (profile information) (see column 6, lines 6-16 and lines 46-58).

Claims 7-10, 19-21, 24, 27, 30, 32, 34, 35, 39 and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Minor et al (5,740,252; hereinafter Minor) in view of Loeb et al (5,245,656; hereinafter Loeb).

Regarding claims 7-10, 19-21, 24, 27, 30, 32, 34, 35, 39 and 40, these claims are rejected as applied to the like elements of claims 1, 13 and 14 as stated above.

However, Minor does not expressly disclose the use of a session key to encrypt the user demographic information and to transmit the session key to a remote site server by using public cryptography. Loeb teaches the use of session keys in transmitting user profile to a remote site (see, for example, col. 1, line 66-col. 2, line 11 and col. 3, line 1-10). The session keys are transmitted between the servers by use of public key cryptography.

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to implement the use public key cryptographic technique to transmit a session key from one server to another server as taught in Loeb in the system of Minor, because it would provide secure transmission of session key over a public network (see col. 3, lines 18-25).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 36 and 41 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

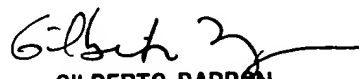
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Abdulhakim Nobahar whose telephone number is 703-305-8074. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 703-305-1830. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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